

“Developing Realistic Strategies and Viable Options to Provide Comprehensive and Affordable Health Insurance Coverage for All Michigan Residents”

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name: Models Development Workgroup

Date and Time: Wednesday February 1, 2006, 1-4pm

Location: AARP Michigan, 309 N. Washington Square, Suite 110, Lansing, MI

Present:

Ken Miller, Department of Community Health; Amy Upston, Department of Public Health; Dave Cluley, Michigan Association of Health Underwriters; Colleen Sproul, Health Plus of Michigan; Lary Wells, Michigan League of Human Services; Rick Nowakowski, Wayne County Four Star; Eileen Ellis, Health Management Associates; Lonnie Barnett, Department of Community Health; Jackie Doig, Center for Civil Justice; Margaret Meyers, Mercy Primary Care Center; Ellen Speckman-Randall, Department of Community Health; Jeff Fortenbacher, Access Health; Del Malloch,; Paul Duguay, Michigan Association of Health Plans; Michelle Munson-McCorry, Complete Compassionate Care; Hollis Turnham, Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute; Don VeCasey, Michigan Consumer Healthcare Coalition; Tameshia Bridges, Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute; Victor Sztengel, Wexford Mercy PHO; Marcy Buren, Health Access; Lisa Rajt, BCBSM; Robert Meeker, Spectrum Health System; Umbrin Ateequi, Department of Community Health; Scott Woods, Priority Health; Bill Hart, Department of Community Health; Charissa Shawcross, Joy-Southfield Community Health Center; Jan Christensen, Department of Community Health; John Kerr, Greater Detroit Area Health Council; Sarah Szejda, Michigan Quality Community Care Council; Bob Stampfly, MSU; Gary Benjamin, MI Legal Services/MI UHCAN; Valerie Przywara, Henry Ford Health System; Colette Scrimger, Barry-Eaton District Health Department; Sarah Fink, Michigan Health & Hospital Association; Elaine Beane, Center for Advancing Community Health

On Conference Call: N/A

Action Items

Item	Responsible	Deadline
Review final “Getting from Here to There” document	ALL WORKGROUP MEMBERS	ASAP!!!!!!

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Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Conclusions
Welcome, Introduction, Approval of Minutes		The goal of the workgroup today is to finalize content for “Getting from Here to There.”
Comments on State of the State		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the recent State of the State address, Gov. Granholm announced a health care plan that would insure 550,000 people, or over half the state’s uninsured population. - The Governor made some important points, especially about how the costs of the uninsured are deflected to everyone else, and used the SOS address as an important educational opportunity for Michigan residents. - The work of the Advisory Council, which is derived in part from the work of the models development workgroup, will inform the Governor’s decisions moving forward. - The Governor will seek funding from the federal government, because our highly efficient Medicaid program saves them a lot of money.
Discussion of 1/18 Advisory Council Meeting (Jan Christensen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The term “universal coverage” was found to be problematic by some Advisory Council members. 100% coverage is the preferred term. - The fact that employer-based coverage is decreasing will factor into the design of any program we create. - The Advisory Council would like all materials for their 	

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	<p>meetings 1 week prior to the meeting date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The MDWG’s work will be used to put “meat on the bones” of the advisory council’s plan. - As always, MDWG members are invited to all future Advisory Council meetings 	
Final review and comment on the “Getting from Here to There” document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lots of controversial discussion occurred - Regarding small businesses, should we tax them if they don’t provide health care coverage for their employees? That will make us unpopular ... what should we do? - Is there a synonym we could use for the word “tax” to make it sound better? Perhaps “assessment” would work - Despite the difficulty of the task, the MDWG completed their review of “Getting form Here to There”. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As at previous meetings, MDWG members will use the “Agree/Stand Aside/Block” consensus model - L. Rajt will create a glossary of terms that are not self-explanatory for the back of the document - Staff will now start to incorporate the changes made by members during the meeting. The drop-dead date for the final document to go to the Advisory Council is February 14th.

--Respectfully submitted by Lisa Rajt, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan